

Multi National Brigade
(East)
Legal Assistance Information



PROTECT YOUR REDEPLOYMENT CLAIM

SHIPPING PROPERTY BACK FROM DEPLOYMENT:

- The best methods for returning personal property from a deployment are:
 - ⇒ ship by insured postage; or
 - ⇒ ship by space "A" vehicle or container.
 - ⇒ **NOTE:** When shipping space "A," items **must** be inventoried using either the "Personal Property Inventory" Form (available at your local Claims Office) or DA Form 4986. Also, the service member is responsible for ensuring items are properly packed, secured and safeguarded for and during shipment. When inventorying the property, you **must list any pre-existing damage** on the inventory.
- The worst method for returning personal property from a deployment is:
 - ⇒ ship by uninsurable MPS.
- The bottom line: Claims Service pays only for items:
 - ⇒ reasonable to possess incident to service; &
 - ⇒ when the claimant's negligence (e.g., improper packing, item left unsecured, etc.) does not contribute to the loss or damage.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS PLACED IN STORAGE:

If you placed property in **storage** when you deployed, there are some important measures you **must** take when you accept delivery of your property to ensure maximum payment in the event you have to file a claim for loss or damage:

- You **must** note all obvious loss or damage at the time of delivery. Check to ensure that all boxes/items listed on your inventory have arrived.
- If not, list the items as "missing" on your DD Form 1840 (front of the pink form) **before** you and the carrier sign it.
- Next, list all obvious damage (be detailed) to items on the DD Form 1840 **before** you and the carrier sign it. You

should also note any boxes (by inventory number) that appear tampered with or damaged.

- After listing all missing and/or damaged items, then **both you and the carrier** sign the DD Form 1840. **Keep a copy** of this signed form. **Do not** throw away damaged items.
- Any damage not listed on the DD Form 1840 at the time of delivery **must** be listed on the DD Form 1840R (reverse side of the pink form) and turned in to the Claims Office within **70 calendar days** for moves from CONUS, Bosnia, or Macedonia, or within **10 calendar days** for Intra-Theater Moves. When visiting the claims office, make sure you also bring your inventory, orders, DD Form 1299 (Application for Shipment), and the Government Bill of Lading with you!

FINAL TIPS:

The delivery crew is **required** by contract to unpack and remain present until the soldier completes the inspection and releases the crew by signing the receipt documents. Should you have a crew that refuse to do either, don't argue; rather, immediately call your local Transportation Office.

The 70 day and 10 day filing deadlines discussed above can only be waived in **case of authorized absence** from your duty station (such as deployment, field exercises, TDY, hospitalization) for a **significant portion** of the reporting period. This would normally be the last 45 days of a 70 day reporting period or the last 6 days of a 10 day reporting period.

Any claim against the Government **must** be filed within 2 years from the date of the incident (i.e., delivery date of the household goods or receipt of your package, etc.). Deployment does **not** free the soldier from this requirement and **no** extension may be given. The only exception to this is for a service member deployed during war or armed conflict.

Failure to take these measures for your storage shipment or space "A" shipment could result in a partial or total denial of your claim. If you have any further questions, please contact your local Claims Office.